

No. 6288 號八千八百三十六第 日三念月十年丁緒光 HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 1878. 四拜禮 一號四廿二月下英 港香 PRICE \$2. PER MONTH.

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A MATHEATRICIAN
OF LOCAL CHARITY
STILL WATERS RUN
will be presented at
THEATRE ROYAL, CITY
ON
THURSDAY EVENING
the 31st instant, commencing at
7 o'clock.
Tickets may be obtained from any
admission on and after THURSDAY, Jan.
Tickets, TWO DOLLARS each.
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Commander SIR WILLIAM WISE
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Hampden 22nd January, 1886.

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Hongkong, 23rd January, 1878.
 FOR HOIHOW AND HAI
 THE Steamship
 "DALE."
 Captain Thompson, will be despatched
 above Ports on SATURDAY, the
 at 9 A.M.

YUEN PA
Age
Hongkong, 24th January, 1873.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND
THE Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Captain Pitman, will be despatched

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For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARSEN
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1878.
FOR MANILA,
THE Spanish Steamer

will be
children's
at clock in
February
entertainment
colors for
company
be 15th
T.M.E.
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MEMORANDUM to the Honorable
[174] For Freight or Passage, apply
signaled, who are prepared to grant
of Lading.

GIBS, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Hongkong, 24th January, 1878

HONG KONG.
A MEETING of the STEERS
the RACE FUND will be held
[19] KONG CLUB, on TUESDAY, the
at HALF-PAST FOUR
By Order,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1878

NOTICE.
WE hereby give Notice that
posed of our BUSINESS
to Messrs. KYLE and EATON
Debit due to us for Ice will be
on hand. All parties owing to
the Ice House must send them in
TUDOR COMPANY
Per J. A. G.

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AGENT.
etc.,
T. E. L.
No. 378,
July only.
M. K. S.

IN connection with the above
timate that having entered
ment with the Trustees of the
or BUSINESS will now be the
place, and shall have the
our LCD with TWO CENTS
K. Y. L.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1897.

WANTED by a Gentleman
experience in China, a
as BOOKKEEPER or AGENT
the Treaty Ports of China or of
C. D. K. Ombé of this Paper.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897.

WANTED by a Young Man
of the name of S. Benley
CLERK or BOOKKEEPER
China or Japan. Has had three
experience in India. Can leave
Address: G. R. K. care of Daily
Hongkong, 16th December, 1896.

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Mr. G. K. Harnam,)
H.M.S. "Mascotte")
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